Maternity patients admitted in the General Hospital, Ernakulam in 1106 and 1107 separately.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

	1106.	*1107 (3 months.)*
Hindus	133	28
Christians	207	65
Jews	10	1
Muslims	6	1

Village Office—Arangottukara.

212. **Mr. M. K. Raman.**—Will the Government kindly answer the following:—

(1) in whose house is the Village Office in Arangottukara Village located now ;

(2) is the Village Parvathyakaran living in the same house with his family ;

(3) are certain classes of people prohibited from entering the office premises on account of their caste ;

(4) is there a well attached to this office ;

(5) are certain castes prohibited from touching the well in the Village Office premises ;

(6) how long was this Village office conducted in the present building ;

(7) when did the Diwan Peishkar last visit this office ;

(8) had he occasion to notice then that this office could not be approached by non-caste men ;

(9) are there similar rural Village offices in other parts of Cochin to which non-caste men are not given access; if so, what are they?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar—(1) In the house of the Village Parvathyam.

(2) Yes.

(3) No.

(4) There are two wells in the compound.

(5) No.

(6) From 1084 ever since the introduction of the New Settlement.

(7) On 13th Thulam 1107.

(8) There is no such restriction.

(9) Those other Village offices are located in the residences of the Village officers, *viz.*, (1) Chennamangalam, (2) Varavur and (3) Chowwannur. But all people are allowed access to Village records and Village officers for legitimate purposes. These offices will be housed in suitable Government or rented buildings in the year 1108, if funds permit.

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